GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ARTIFICIAL SHIVLINGAM AT AMARNATH
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has received the report of the Investigation Commission constituted to look into the dispute regarding the creation of artificial Shivlingam at Amarnath;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the report has fixed the responsibility for creation of artificial Shivlingam;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) The details of the action taken against the persons responsible?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a): As per the information made available by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, the one-man Commission of Enquiry of Justice (Retd.) Shri K.K. Gupta of Jammu and Kashmir High Court, constituted by the Governor, Jammu and Kashmir, who is also the Ex-officio Chairman of Shri Amarnath ji Shrine Board, has submitted its Report to the Governor on August 26, 2006.

(b) : The Gupta Commission of Enquiry in its Report has concluded that no tampering of any nature with the Holy Shivlingam took place. They have further said that they saw no hand of any official of Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board in the formation of the Shivlingam or in tampering with the natural ice Shivlingam, which in fact had not been tampered with during the Yatra period announced by Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board.

(c to e): Does not arise in view of (b) above.